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Dear Bob,

Enclosed is a few comments on a current problem, which you would be interested in.

These comments made by my International Relations class here at Jennings High were made in an improper scene; mainly by catching them off-guard and in this way I believe these are how the majority of draft age students feel.

I have just returned from my Navy service and have launched my teaching career. So far I have been very disappointed in the schools of Kansas for these young people today simply do not know what is going on in the world. We have tough courses in all subjects but not anything on the subject -



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*of National feeling or beliefs.*


*Any of these problems of Government  
today this class discusses in length  
I would be happy to forward to you.*

*Sincerely,*

[Redacted Signature]

Give your views on the recent demonstrations against our government's policies in Viet Nam! State why you think they are wrong and/or right and give substantial reasons why you feel the way you do!

I think that the demonstrations should be stopped and the demonstrators punished. Those demonstrators are showing that they do not understand the world situation by protesting our government's policies in Viet Nam. I do not think that they understand that for the United States to leave Viet Nam would be a victory for the Communists and the ones that know this are obviously Communists. I think the college students demonstrating against our policies in Viet Nam should be expelled from college and that the best thing to do with them would be to send them to Viet Nam, maybe then they could gain a little understanding of the situation. The way in which the Communists in North Viet Nam are receiving the news of the demonstrations should make obvious enough the need for the demonstrations to stop. Those Communists think that the demonstrators are the intellectuals of our country and that we will be forced to quit fighting. I think it is our duty to prove that this is not so and prove that our country will stand up for what it believes.






Give your views on the recent demonstrations against our Government policies in Viet Nam? State why you think they are wrong and why they are right. Tell why you feel the way you do.

I think these college students are wrong and the Government should find some way to punish them. Yes, they are legally right but when there are men dieing over there to protect their freedom they should show a little respect. When they won't go themselves because they don't know their duty and are to cowardly.

If these people don't want to fight for the prevlige of being Americans they should have the American privlige taken away. If this was done to a few people to set an example the others would shape up or they would quit~~a~~ trying to run the Government policies.



## WHY ARE SMALL MINORITY GROUPS PROTESTING AGAINST OUR GOVERNMENT ?

I do not believe in the demonstrations against the Viet Nam War. It shows a distrust these people have in our government. Why do they pass judgement on the government, when all they are trying to do is protect us. We are fighting in Viet Nam for two reasons they are

1. fighting to keep us a free country
2. trying to help free a nation

our boys who are over in Viet Nam think it is terrible the way some people are acting over here. Why do they have to act so foolish and childish towards a lot of things that are happening in the United States and World Affairs ? We can not afford to let our boys down who are dying to keep us a free country. They need all the help they can get over there without them making it tougher on them.

It is not right for them to condemn the war or anything else when all the facts aren't known.

What caused the small minority group to start acting like this ? I can not tell you but they can't know all of the facts and still pass judgement. We are a free country so we can express ourselves but demonstrations are going a little to far. Aren't they hurting themselves just as much as anybody ?




I believe they are but I can not answer for I'm for all people having the four freedoms that are

1. the freedom of speech
2. the freedom of religion
3. the freedom of expression
4. the freedom from fear.

I want everyone to be free and happy with what he has got .  
Our government is doing what is best for everyone in the long run. I think something should be done about these ridiculous outbursts on our government.

Why I Feel the Way I Do ?

Our boys are over in Viet Nam dying to keep us a free nation. It is for a foolish and childish reason that the people are performing the demonstrations against our government. Why are they condemning the government don't they know that the United States already has enough trouble.




What do I think of our government policys in Viet Nam?

If we would not have gone to Viet Nam and fought, we would have been letting communism spread. And if they could have got Viet Nam without a fight, they would soon be trying to get some other country, and keep on getting more.

So I think we are right in going and fighting to keep our world free from these communists.

But I do think that we should take it easy on giving away our tanks, guns, and other things neccessary for fighting wars. If Russia is smart they will come over and get us when we are at a stage when we have but few weapons to protect ourselves.






Give your views on the recent demonstrations against our Government policies in Viet Nam? State why you think they are wrong and why they are right and why you feel the way you do?

The recent demonstrations against our Government policies in Viet Nam is about College students rioting on the White House ground and burning their Draft cards. These college students are making speeches against the United States Government interference in Viet Nam.


I think these college students are doing wrong against our Government because all citizens should serve and protect their world,. If the war isn't settled in Foreign countries, it will soon be fought in the United States. This would destroy land, cities and people of the United States.

I feel that it a privilege to be a citizen of the United States. To protect and serve my Government.






I think that the ones that Demonstrate are uninformed of what is going on and why we are in Viet Nam. It gives foreign countries a bad impression on our government. As a citizen of the United States I think it is my duty to know what is going on in the world. It is bad that we have to have demonstrations against the troops in Viet Nam. I think it is my duty to serve my country when I'm able to. The ones that burn draft cards and demonstrate are not citizens. It is wrong to demonstrate against your country when men are being killed to stop communism.



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I think these people are in the minority first of all. In my view these men are about the most cowardice persons that were ever born. In some ways I doubt if I would look forward to having some of these people at my side over in Viet Nam. If it was up to me they would be slapped in jail as soon as they started demonstrating and then they would be tried for treason. I truly beleive that these people are committing treason because they are the same as aiding and abetting the enemy. The Communists say that these demonstrators represent the feeling of the entire nationand that our government is in the war against the will of our people, when most people support our policy in Viet Nam. If they cannot be tried for treason I should think they could be sent to prison for so long that they would wish they would have never heard of Viet Nam. My opinion of these people is so low that I won't even attempt to write it down. Myself I wouldn't want to be associated with these cowards and I believe thesepeople are cowards in the truest sense. They are also Anti-American, I believe since they won't support our policy and seemingly won't support our way of government. In my opinion these slobbs ought to be sent strait over to Viet Nam and then if they refuse to support our policy, that would be treason and they could be taken care of





What do I think of the student demonstrations in relation to our government policies in Viet Nam?

I think that the students are wrong in having these demonstrations. If they would know the real need for the war, I think they would think twice before starting anything. If the United States would let the communists move into Viet Nam without a fight, they would soon take or try to take over some of the other countries.



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your letter and for the comments submitted to you by students of your International Relations class concerning their views on recent demonstrations against U. S. policies in Viet Nam.

I was particularly interested in your conclusion that teenagers are lacking in knowledge of international affairs, for certainly today's young people are more exposed to world happenings than those of previous generations. Coverage of the news is rather extensive these days what with radio, television, and so many of the national periodicals almost entirely devoted to political and international matters.

The reaction of your students to this question appears to be in conformance with the views reflected in numerous letters from constituents in recent days.

I enclose several copies of a resolution I introduced during the closing hours of the First Session and a release based on it which may be of interest.

If I may be of assistance at any time, do let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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